

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING DR. GENE BOLLES ON RECEIVING THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS' 2006 HUMANITARIAN AWARD

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Gene Bolles on receiving the American Association of Neurological Surgeons' 2006 Humanitarian Award. The award recognizes "members who have done extraordinary work in neurosurgery, going way beyond their normal practice and bringing their skills to areas around the world that desperately need them." I can think of no better recipient for this honor than Dr. Bolles.

Dr. Bolles practiced neurosurgery in Boulder for 32 years before serving as chief of neurosurgery at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. There he repaired the shattered bodies of our U.S. soldiers who had been wounded in Afghanistan and Iraq. Now Dr. Bolles is in Kurdistan helping Iraqi physicians better care for civilians wounded in the war.

Gene Bolles has been using his skills and talent for humanitarian good for over twenty-five years. He was the first person to establish a neurosurgery program in Belize City. He has traveled to Indonesia several times with the purpose of providing medication to and performing surgery on the indigenous people there. Each year, he makes a trip to Albania to educate neurosurgeons and to keep them abreast of the latest technologies. In recent years, Dr. Bolles has used his first-hand experience to draw attention to the living casualties from the United States' actions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Dr. Gene Bolles is a remarkable man. I greatly admire his energy, commitment and humanity. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Bolles for his incredible work for people around the world and in particular for his work on behalf of our soldiers abroad. He is a great Coloradan and a great American. I wish him continued health and happiness in the future.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ALVIN D. GREENBERG AS HE RECEIVES THE 2006 TORCH OF LIBERTY AWARD

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, in my hometown of New Haven, Connecticut, friends, family and colleagues will gather to pay tribute to one of our community's most outstanding citizens and a dear friend of mine. I am proud to stand today and join the Connecticut Anti-Def-

amation League as they honor Dr. Alvin D. Greenberg with the 2006 Greater New Haven Torch of Liberty Award.

Our communities would not be the same without the efforts of individuals whose work truly benefits our families and neighborhoods. Each year, the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League presents the prestigious Torch of Liberty Award to an outstanding leader in the community, recognizing their unique commitment and dedication. Alvin is a remarkable reflection of the true spirit of community service. With extraordinary compassion and generosity, he has touched the lives of thousands of families throughout Greater New Haven through both his professional career and volunteer efforts.

Currently serving as the President of Temple Medical Center, Administrator of Yale-New Haven Ambulatory Services Corporation, Director of the Neuro-Rehabilitation Center and as a consultant in neurosurgery at Yale-New Haven Hospital, Dr. Greenberg continues to remain an active member of our medical community. His commitment and dedication to his patients and all of those who receive services at these various facilities is unparalleled. Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Greenberg's integrity, collegiality, and expertise have earned him the respect not only of his colleagues, but of members of the medical field across the state. In addition to his professional contributions, Dr. Greenberg has dedicated countless hours to a variety of local organizations. The Union Trust Bank, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of Greater New Haven, and the Shubert Performing Arts Theater are just a few of those across the region who have benefited from his work.

It is not often that you find individuals who so willingly devote both their professional and personal time and energies to improving the quality of life for others. In his lifetime of good work and compassionate service, Dr. Greenberg has done just that. I am honored to rise today and join his wife, Barbara; his three children, family, friends, and colleagues to pay tribute to my good friend Dr. Alvin Greenberg for the many contributions he has made to Greater New Haven. I cannot think of a more appropriate honor than the Torch of Liberty Award to recognize the generosity and commitment Alvin has shown to our community. He has truly made a difference.

IN SUPPORT OF CHARTER SCHOOLS

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in support of the seventh annual National Charter Schools Week, and to congratulate charter schools and their students, parents, teachers, and administrators for their commitment to innovation in public education.

I am proud to represent the district that is home to the first charter school in the United States, City Academy, which opened in St. Paul, Minnesota in 1992. Minnesota was the first state to pass charter school legislation in 1991. Today there are more than 120 charter schools in Minnesota that enroll more than 20,000 students.

Charter schools fulfill an important role in our nation's public education system. They encourage new ways of learning and require strong partnerships with the community. Charter schools often provide children who struggle in a traditional classroom the opportunity to thrive and grow.

In St. Paul and surrounding community there are more than two dozen charter schools. Each one provides a unique learning environment for its students—from the Academia Cesar Chavez Charter School which integrates Latino cultural values in its learning environment to the Community of Peace Academy that provides a violence-free environment for inner city children. Each of the charter schools in my district have focused their missions around a core set of values in order to provide a quality educational experience for their students.

It is with appreciation that I rise today to commend the teachers and students of charter schools, and the communities that support them, for their contributions and achievements.

TRIBUTE TO STUDENTS FROM MUNSTER HIGH SCHOOL

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to pay tribute to the outstanding achievements of an exceptional group of students from Munster High School, located in Indiana's First Congressional District. From April 29 to May 1, 2006, these students competed in the National Finals of the We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution program held in Washington, DC. For their knowledge and understanding of the American government, these extraordinary young people were awarded the Central Region Award at this year's competition.

The We the People program, administered by the Center for Civic Education, is a program that reaches over 28 million elementary, middle, and high school students. The goal of the program is to provide students with an understanding of the fundamentals of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The program helps students to understand their rights under the American governmental system.

The people of Munster, as well as the entire Northwest Indiana community, can be proud of the following members of this truly remarkable class of students: Sara Brown, Emily Clark, Andrea Coulis, Kim Dooley, Reem (Sara)

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